

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, line 3, as follows:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of ~~an a~~ mitral annuloplasty ring according to the invention;

Please amend the paragraph at page 15, line 1, as follows:

Alternatively, the indicia corresponding to multiple sets of suture locations sizes may be provided to instrumentation, such as a ring holder to thereby guide the surgeon to the same effect. For example, referring to Fig. 9, instrument 50 includes a handle 52 having a manual gripping element 54 at one end and a ring holder 56 removably coupled at its other end. Such ring holders are well known in the art. In accord with the invention, the ring holder 56 is coupled to a ring 10, e.g., with sutures (not shown), and includes multiple sets of suture guides 58 (circles), 60 (cruciforms) along portions of the holder 10 which correspond to the P₁ and P₃ portions of the ring 10. The portions of the holder 10 which correspond to the P₃ and anterior portions of the ring 10 are each preferably provided with a single set of suture guides 62 (along P₃) and 64 (along the anterior portion).